## **Call for Scriptwriters**

Gale, a world leader in e-research, reference, and educational publishing for libraries, schools, and businesses, is looking for fast, savvy, accurate scriptwriters who can follow strict guidelines and respond quickly and professionally to editorial requests and correction. We are currently seeking writers to produce short how-to scripts (ranging from 350-400 words) for one of our projects. Writers will be offered a choice of pre-selected topics. The primary goal is to present a video-maker with a clear, factually accurate, narrative script that describes the execution of a task in clear sequential detail. It should be as concise and entertaining as possible. (Ideally, a video director will read the script and instantly be able to visualize how he or she will shoot it.) The secondary goal is that the script be a useful, readable set of instructions to anyone and everyone. These scripts will be available to read and download from the web and other delivery systems. Therefore, we don't expect anyone to submit an actual shooting script with close-ups, fade-ins, etc. (although there is a space to include your ideas for directions, if you have any). There are two tiers of skill (and payment) available: for how-to scripts on serious subjects requiring research, payment is \$40/script (writing) and \$10/script (copyediting); for how-to scripts on fairly lighthearted questions that require little or no research, payment is \$35/script (writing) and \$5/script (copyediting). Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Candidates must have a reliable computer, email, and high-speed Internet. If you would like to become part of our virtual editorial team, send a cover letter, resume, and 2-3 short writing samples to gbp@cengagelearning.com, with the subject line Interested Scriptwriter. Selected respondents will be contacted with more details, including style quidelines.